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Ohio Turnpike Construction Season kicks off this week

Commission will spend as much as \$198 million in 2019

BEREA (April 1, 2019) As the Ohio Turnpike's 2019 construction season kicks off this week, the Ohio Turnpike and Infrastructure Commission anticipates spending as much as \$198 million on projects throughout northern Ohio. Its focus will be on improving safety and the travel experience on the Ohio Turnpike.

"For the safety of our workers and customers, please drive like you work here and slow down in work zones," said Executive Director Ferzan M. Ahmed, P.E. "As you approach those orange barrels, please picture a member of your family on the other side of them and use appropriate care," Ahmed added.

Identified infrastructure improvements include pavement replacement and resurfacing, bridge rehabilitation and an expanded Toll Plaza.

The Commission's full-depth excavation and pavement replacement program, which began in 2011, includes the continuation of pavement replacement projects with one in **Lorain and Cuyahoga Counties** (from North Ridgeville to Olmsted Township) and another in **Cuyahoga and Summit Counties** (from Broadview Heights to Boston Township). The eastbound sections were completed late last year and crews will begin work on the westbound sides this month.

In addition, repairs and reconstruction of the northbound I-77 ramps to and from the Ohio Turnpike will take place at **Exit 173 (I-77/SR 21) in Summit County**.

There also will be two mainline pavement resurfacing projects with one in **Williams County** and another in **Portage and Trumbull Counties**. On a combined basis, pavement replacement and resurfacing projects comprise about one third of the budget for 2019.

Ohio Turnpike bridges will see major work this year, with over \$40 million (comprising 40 percent of the 2019 capital budget) in various bridge repair, removal, repainting and deck-widening and replacement projects. Two of these projects include pavement widening in anticipation of the infrastructure required to modernize the Turnpike's Toll Collection System.

Construction is beginning on two new toll lanes, booths and canopies to accommodate an increase in traffic and to improve ease of travel at **Exit 180 (Route 8/Akron)**. This project will be completed in November.

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2019 Major Construction Projects from West to East

Williams County, Pavement Repairs and Resurfacing

Eastbound and Westbound lanes [Milepost (MP) 8.2 to 14.80]

Eastbound lanes (MP 2.87 to 8.2)

The work for this project will be accomplished in three phases. During Phase I from April 8, 2019 until June 21, 2019, both directions will be reduced to a single lane. The eastbound lane will be resurfaced from MP 8.2 to MP 14.80. Eastbound traffic will cross over the westbound side at MP 8.2 in a contraflow work zone. Eastbound traffic will return to the eastbound side at MP 14.80. All traffic movements at Exit 13/SR 15 will be available during this phase.

During Phase II from June 24, 2019 until Aug. 16, 2019, eastbound traffic will be reduced to a single lane at night for shoulder replacement from MP 2.87 to MP 8.2. Two lanes will be open during the day with a shoulder closure.

During Phase III from Sept. 3, 2019 until Nov. 5, 2019, the westbound lanes will be resurfaced from MP 8.2 to MP 14.80. During this time, both directions will be reduced to a single lane. Westbound traffic will cross over to the eastbound side at MP 14.8 in a contraflow work zone and return to the westbound side at MP 8.2. All traffic movements at Exit 13/SR 15 will be available during this phase. Gerken Paving is the contractor for this project and the contract amount is \$12.2 million.

Fulton County, Deck Replacement and Rehabilitation

Bridge removal—mainline westbound and eastbound over inactive railroad (MP 34.2)

Beginning on April 1, 2019 and ending on Nov. 14, 2020, twin mainline bridges over an inactive railroad will be removed at MP 34.2 and replaced with new pavement at the location of the existing bridges. Two lanes of traffic will be maintained in each direction at all times. This bridge removal is being performed to reduce future bridge maintenance costs.

Bridge Deck replacement and widening—mainline westbound and eastbound over SR 108 – Exit 34 (MP 34.5)

Beginning on April 1, 2019 and ending on Nov. 14, 2020, eastbound and westbound customers traveling on SR 108 will encounter periodic single lane closures. A minimum of one lane in each direction will be maintained at all times. Local traffic in the area may encounter minor delays due to this work.

Bridge Deck replacement over the Turnpike on Wauseon-Ottokee Road/CR 14 (MP 35.2)

Beginning in the spring of 2019 and ending on Nov. 14, 2020, motorists traveling in both directions on County Road 14 will encounter a full detour for a maximum of 120 days. (Timing of this closure is unknown at this time.)

The contractor for these three construction projects in Fulton County is Kokosing Construction Company with a contract amount of \$8.6 million.

Fulton and Lucas Counties, Bridge Deck Widening and Replacement of two bridges

Mainline Bridge over AI Creek (MP 47.4)

Mainline Bridge over SR 64 (N. Main St.) (MP 47.5)

Pavement widening from MP 46.5 to MP 50.92

Work has already begun and is scheduled to be completed by Dec. 9, 2019. The bridge decks will be widened and replaced on both mainline bridges as well as widening of the pavement from MP 46.5 to MP 50.92. Two lanes of traffic will be maintained on the mainline by first using the right lane and outside shoulder and then traffic will be switched to the new left lane and inside shoulder. State Route 64 traffic under the bridge will maintain a minimum of one lane until approximately May 31, 2019, when it will return to two lanes. Miller Bros. Construction is the contractor with a contract amount of \$27.65 million.

Lucas and Sandusky Counties, Bridge Replacement

Full bridge removal and replacement of Perrysburg-Holland Road Bridge over the mainline (MP 59.0)

Work has already begun to remove and replace the Perrysburg-Holland Road Bridge over the mainline. A full detour was implemented on Feb. 25, 2019 and will be in place for a maximum of 200 days (through Sept 12, 2019.)

Bridge deck replacement of Hessville Road/TR 92 Bridge over mainline (MP 84.4).

Travelers will encounter a full detour of Hessville Road, which will begin on approximately April 22, 2019 and continue for a maximum of 120 days through Sept. 18, 2019.

Kokosing Construction Company is the contractor for these two projects in Lucas and Sandusky Counties with a contract amount of \$5.5 million.

Wood and Ottawa Counties, Bridge Deck Replacement

Widening and replacement of Ohio Turnpike Ramp Bridge Deck over SR 420/I-280 (MP 71.4)

Southbound travelers on SR 420 entering the Ohio Turnpike at Exit 71 will encounter a detour beginning on April 1, 2019 through Oct. 1, 2019.

Bridge deck replacement of South Billman Road/TR 54 over mainline (MP 75.2)

Travelers will encounter a full detour of South Billman Road beginning on April 15, 2019 through approximately Oct. 1, 2019.

Kokosing Construction Company is the contractor for these two projects in Wood and Ottawa Counties with a contract amount of \$4.04 million.

Erie County, Pavement Repairs and Resurfacing

Beginning on April 29, 2019 until Oct. 30, 2019, eastbound and westbound Ohio Turnpike customers traveling in this area will encounter lane closures on the mainline for pavement repairs and resurfacing from MP 122.9 to MP 127.09. Two lanes will be maintained during the day and a single lane in each direction will be maintained at night.

Erie and Lorain Counties, Bridge Deck Replacement of five overhead bridges

River Road (MP 120)

Wikel Road (MP 121.9)

Chapin Road (MP 123.1)

SR 60 (MP 131.6)

Gifford Road (MP 135.4)

Work on these five bridges is scheduled to begin on April 1, 2019 and be completed on Oct. 1, 2019. Travelers will encounter full detours for approximately 90 days at each location although Wikel Road will not be closed the same time as either River Road or Chapin Road. Mosser Construction Company is the contractor for these five bridge deck replacement projects with a contract amount of \$4.37 million.

Lorain County, Bridge Deck Overlay

Mainline Bridge Deck Overlay over Quarry Road (MP 138)

Bridge Removal over inactive railroad (MP 138.2)

Work on the bridge removal over the inactive railroad began in 2018 and is scheduled to be completed in December of 2019. Traffic will continue to be reduced to two lanes in each direction through the remainder of construction. Currently, traffic is being maintained on the outside shoulder and right lane while the inside shoulder and left lane are being constructed. Traffic will be in this configuration until the end of June, 2019. Beginning in July of 2019, traffic will be switched to the inside shoulder and left lane while the remainder of the pavement is rebuilt. Kokosing Construction Company is the contractor for these two projects in Lorain County with a contract amount of \$5.7 million.

Lorain and Cuyahoga Counties, Pavement Replacement

Full-depth excavation and pavement replacement of the right and center lanes westbound between MP 154.1 to MP 149.2.

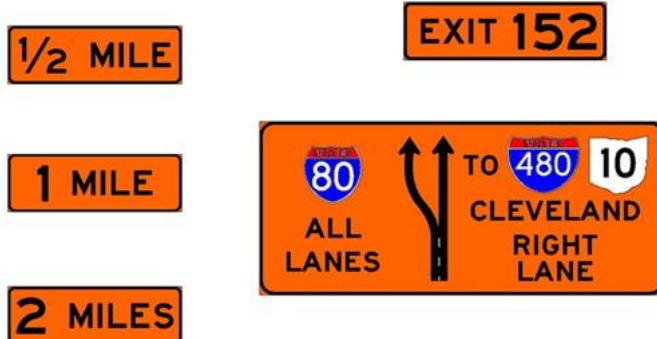
Westbound and eastbound Ohio Turnpike customers traveling in this area will encounter a contraflow traffic pattern and work zone with reduced speed limits while crews remove and replace the original base pavement in the westbound right and center lanes.

Westbound traffic intending to use Exit 152 (N. Olmsted/SR10) must keep to the right at the traffic split and use the right lane only. The Shelly Company is the contractor for this project and the contract amount is \$ 31.4 million.

Start Date: April 2, 2019

Estimated Completion Date: Dec. 2019

Warning signs will be posted in intervals prior to Exit 152 as seen below.



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Cuyahoga & Summit Counties, Pavement Replacement & Resurfacing of Mainline and Exit 173

Full-depth excavation and pavement replacement will occur in the westbound center lane, right lane and right shoulder from MP 169.10 to MP 176.3.

Full-depth excavation and replacement of pavement on the northbound ramp from the Ohio Turnpike to I-77 and traffic will be detoured to SR 21 northbound. Kokosing Construction Company is the contractor for this project and the contract amount is \$ 56.86 million. Detours will be posted.

Start Date: April 2, 2019

Estimated Completion Date: December 2019

Portage County, Bridge Deck Replacement

Eastbound Mainline Bridge Deck Replacement (MP 186)

Work on the bridge deck replacement began on the westbound side in 2018 and the 2019 work involves deck replacement of the eastbound mainline bridge over the Wheeling & Lake Erie Railroad tracks at MP 186. Two lanes of traffic will be maintained on the westbound mainline bridge beginning in April of 2019 and continue until approximately Oct. 1, 2019. Shelly & Sands is the contractor for this project with a contract amount of \$6.3 million.

Portage and Trumbull Counties, Pavement Repairs and Resurfacing

Beginning on June 3, 2019 until Nov. 24, 2019, eastbound and westbound Ohio Turnpike customers traveling in this area will encounter lane closures on the mainline for pavement repairs and resurfacing of the left lane and inside shoulder from MP 205.20 to MP 214.40.

Mahoning County, Bridge Removal

Bridge Removal on Mainline over Mill Creek Bikeway (MP 223)

Work on the Bridge Removal over the Mill Creek Bikeway began in 2018 and is scheduled to be completed on Nov. 1, 2019. The work in 2019 involves construction of a bike detour, the removal of twin mainline bridges over the Mill Creek Bikeway at MP 223 and installation of a prefabricated concrete structure. A new permanent bike path will be built through the construction area. Two lanes of traffic will be maintained on the mainline on the westbound side from approximately April 1, 2019 through the end of June. Beginning in July 2019, traffic will be switched to the eastbound mainline through the end of the project. Suburban Maintenance and Construction is the contractor for this project with a contract amount of \$6.3 million.

Mahoning County, Bridge Deck Widening and Replacement of two Bridges

Mainline Bridge over Poland-Unit Road (MP 237.8)

Mainline Bridge over Columbia-New Castle Road (MP 238.1)

Work has already begun and is scheduled to be completed by Oct. 15, 2019. The bridge decks will be widened and replaced on both mainline bridges and widening of the pavement will take place from MP 237.17 to MP 238.63. Two lanes of traffic will be maintained on the mainline by first using the right lane and outside shoulder and then traffic will be switched to the new left lane and inside shoulder. The local roads under the bridges are closed for the duration of the project. Shelly & Sands is the contractor with a contract amount of \$13.98 million.

Customers are encouraged to visit www.ohioturnpike.org, or follow the Commission's Twitter or Facebook pages for up-to-date information on construction locations and traffic incidents.

NOTE: To limit delays for customers, the Commission will strive to maintain two lanes of traffic in all three-lane sections of the Turnpike during peak travel times. Some single lane zones will be necessary but will occur mostly during off-peak travel times or overnight. A substantial portion of all projects is expected to be completed by early November.

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